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TAGS: CASC CDES CO (MISSING BEEHCRAFT N777S)

SUBJ: REPORTS OF PRESUMPTIVE DEATH ON GENE ARNOLD AND REX WISEMAN

REF: STATE 236662 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON NOV 13 EMB RECEIVED OFFICIAL REPORT FROM COLOMBIAN CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION WHICH WILL SERVE IN PREPARATION OF FORMS FS-192 AS PER SECOND PARA REFTEL ON REX WISEMAN AND GENE ARNOLD.
2. UNDER COLOMBIAN LAW DEATH CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED IN CASES OF PRESUMPTIVE DEATHS AS FOLLOWS: TWO YEARS AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A PERSON, INTERESTED PARTY MUST PETITION A CIVIL CIRCUIT COURT IN LOCALITY WHERE MISSING PERSON HAD HIS RESIDENCE, FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DEATH CERTIFICATE. WHEN MISSING PERSON WAS NOT RESIDENT IN COLOMBIA, COURT IN THE CITY WHERE PERSON LAST STAYED IN COLOMBIA HAS JURISDICTION. PETITION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY AVAILABLE PROOFS SUCH AS SWORN STATEMENTS FROM WITNESSES, GOVERNMENT RECORDS, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. AFTER APPROX SIX MONTHS JUDGE ISSUES ORDER FOR THE OFFICIAL RECORDING OF THE DEATH OF THE MISSING PERSON. DEATH CERTIFICATE IS THEN ISSUED BY COLOMBIAN NOTARY.
3. US MILGRP SAR COORDINATOR REPORTS THAT COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE PLANES FLEW APPROX FIVE HOURS AND THAT PILOTS OF COLOMBIAN CIVIL AIR PATROL FLEW A TOTAL OF 45 HOURS IN SEARCH FOR MISSING BEEHCRAFT N777S WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CAP PILOTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT EACH TIME THEY FLY IN GENERAL AREA WHERE ACFT BELIEVED TO HAVE CRASHED.

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4. DEPT REQUESTED FURNISH EMBASSY WITH EVIDENCE OF US CITIZEN-  
SHIP ON WISEMAN AND ARNOLD IN ORDER TO PREPARE REQUESTED REPORTS  
OF THEIR PRESUMPTIVE DEATHS.

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